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EXDIS:FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MOOSE AND MAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED YOU TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THE FORTHCOMING POSTURE SOUTH AFRICA TOOK AT THE RECENT CONTACT GROUP MEETING. HE HAS SUGGESTED A PUBLIC STATEMENT APPROVING THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT AND CALLING FOR PEACE AND RESTRAINT, BUT ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WE PROPOSE TO YOU THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO TO IMPLEMENT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST:

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- DON MCHENRY, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED, WILL BE MEETING WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND THE GROUP AS A WHOLE WILL BRIEF WALDHEIM AT 5:30 ON THURSDAY. AFTER LEAVING CAPE TOWN, DON MET WITH NYERERE, WITH SENIOR MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS, AND WITH SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES.

- ON SATURDAY MORNING, DON COULD REPORT TO YOU ON THE
NEGOTIATIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPORT, YOU COULD

AUTHORIZE THE SPOKESMAN TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE MET TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR DONALD
MCHENRY FOR A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS
ON NAMIBIA. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WAS THE SENIOR U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE WHEN THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL MET WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
LAST WEEK ON THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA.

AMBASSADOR MCHENRY REPORTED ON THE POSITION OF THE
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR ON SOUTH
AFRICA'S WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH AN IMPARTIAL AND NON-
POLITICAL INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO WORK WITH
THE UNITED NATIONS DURING THE TRANSITION TO NAMIBIA'S
INDEPENDENCE. HE ALSO REPORTED ON DISCUSSIONS HELD
SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE
SECRETARY WAS ENCOURAGED THAT MOMENTUM IS BEING
MAINTAINED TOWARDS THE GOAL OF AN INTERNATIONALLY
ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WHILE
MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, RESTRAINT AND A SPIRIT OF
COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED PROMISE
TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER TO A TRULY
FREE AND INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. END QUOTE.

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4. DON MCHENRY AGREES WITH THIS SCENARIO AND STATEMENT.
IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, HE WILL CHECK IT OUT WITH
THE CONTACT GROUP ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON. HE IS ALSO
PREPARED TO HOLD A BACKGROUNDER ON SATURDAY, IF YOU
CONCUR.

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